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Dear Sir:

As permitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.132, I hereby declare as follows:

1. My name is Ronald P. Swanson, and I am a named inventor of the above-captioned United States Patent Application ("the present application").
2. I am employed by 3M Company. The assignee of the present application is 3M Innovative Properties, which is an affiliate of 3M Company.
3. I have been employed by 3M Company since 1985, and am currently a Senior Process Development Specialist. In my capacity as Senior Process Development Specialist, I develop new web handling processes to permit the manufacture of new 3M products.

4. I represent 3M Company on the Industrial Advisory Board overseeing the Web Handling Research Center (WHRC). The Web Handling Research Center is an Industrial University Cooperative Research Center (IUCRC) that conducts research on behalf of corporate sponsors, and returns findings thereto. The Industrial Advisory Board, of which I am a member, oversees the direction of research carried out at the WHRC.
5. I received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln in 1985. I also received a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Oklahoma State University in 1991, where I studied web handling techniques in cooperation with the WHRC.
6. As the foregoing paragraphs demonstrate, I am one of ordinary skill in the art of web handling.
7. A person of ordinary skill in the art of web handling would understand the terms "positioning guide" and "web guide" to be synonymous. Specifically, one of ordinary skill in the art of web handling would understand the term "positioning guide" to refer to an entire apparatus for adjusting the lateral position of a web. A person of ordinary skill in the art of web handling would not understand the term "positioning guide" to refer to a part of such an apparatus, such a roller.
8. One of ordinary skill in the art would understand U.S. Patent No. 3,615,048 as including a single positioning guide.
9. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true.

10. I understand that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. §1001), and may jeopardize the validity of the above-captioned application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: 6-12-2006

Signed:

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